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OUTLINES.

Report of the Nicaragua canal commission declares the construction of a canal across the isthmus entirely feasible, and recommends the Lull route as the best. —— Seaboard Air Line, the Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line competitors for the purchase of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad; property bought by the A. C. L. —— Jail in Raleigh guarded to prevent lynching of the negro Smith who cut the throats of two white boys in Johnston county. —— The situation in the Philippines is regarded as serious; the War Department is without advices from Gen. Otis. —— Wells Fargo Express Co's delivery clerk at San Antonio and a package containing $60,000 are missing. —— The entire board of directors of the Moran, Ks., bank are in jail, charged by depositors with violating the banking law in that State. —— S. L. F. Almond, a merchant at Conyers, Ga., who absconded with some $40,000 has been arrested in California. —— The Third North Carolina regiment (negroes) will probably be retained in service. —— New York markets: Money on call firmer at 2¼@4 per cent., the last loan being at 2 per ct.; cotton steady; middling uplands 5¾c; flour was steady and unchanged; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 79¾c; corn—spot weak; No. 2 44⅛@44¼c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 45½@46c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 49 deg.; 8 P.M., 57 deg.; maximum, 67 deg.; minimum, 41 deg.; mean, 54 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.38.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 5.1 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Forecast for Friday—North Carolina—increasing cloudiness, much colder in western portions; Friday night, fresh southerly winds, becoming southwesterly.

Port Almanac---Dec. 30.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	9.25 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	11.55 A. M.

Atlanta has a towering ambition. She calls her jail "the tower."

The wire Trust has been pulling the wires and the price of wire will go up after January 1st.

An English woman who was broke by brokers, turned broker herself, on the principle that "the hair of the dog is good for the bite."

With the retirement of Rear Admiral Bunce, Rear Admiral Dewey, the biggest man in the navy, comes to the front as its ranking Rear Admiral.

A Buffalo, N. Y., paper proposes to solve the question "what to do with our ex-Presidents," by making them U. S. Senators at large. But they are not all large enough for that.

A Minneapolis occulist has performed a surgical feat by grafting part of a rabbit's eye on the eye of a blind girl and restoring her sight. The eyes had been attacked by some disease that destroyed the sight.

It is said that the tunnel from which John Morgan's men escaped from the Ohio penitentiary has been found again. They had better bell it this time so it can't get away any more.

Passing a bill to increase the regular army to 100,000 men may not be such an easy thing to do, but it will be easier than getting 100,000 men for the army, for the average American has no hankering for army life, as a regular thing.

A thrifty San Francisco man who some time ago provided himself with a coffin lived to the age of 102 years. A San Francisco coffin manufacturer published this fact with an eye to business thinking it would boom the coffin trade.

Mr. Nicum, the Indiana projector of that "perpetual light," says he will make a public exhibition of it some time in January and show the scientists some things they never dreamed of and at the same time knock the stuffing out of some of their pet delusions.

Adjutant General Corbin said in his testimony before the Investigation Committee that he didn't think the War Department contemplated war before it was declared by Congress, and was therefore unprepared for it. And yet the party in power is claiming the glory of having declared the war for the sake of humanity and of having prosecuted it to a successful issue. But it went into the war because forced in by public sentiment.

Public sentiment is divided in the town of Winsted, Conn., as to which of several aspirants should be postmaster, and it is proposed to settle it not by drawing straws but by a popular election, to which the Post-office Department has consented. When the said Department happens to be in doubt as to whether a white or a colored stamp-licker shall preside in a Southern postoffice it can easily settle the quandary by adopting the Winsted method.

Gen. Weyler has at last come to the conclusion that so far as Spain and Spaniards are concerned Cuba is a "dead issue." If Weyler and others like him had come to that conclusion twelve months ago there would be more live Spaniards and live Cubans, and Spain would have escaped a good deal of unpleasant racket.

Flying foxes are disturbing the repose of the fruit growers of South Wales, where they are appearing in thousands and playing havoc with the fruit. They are called foxes not because they are foxes or foxy, but are large bats with heads like foxes.

Among other reasons why a New Jersey man wants a divorce from his wife is because in their whole married life she made only one tapioca pudding, although she knew he doted on tapioca.

The father of Gen. Marchand, the French officer who made that celebrated march in Africa, is a carpenter, who is very proud of his boy, who hewed his way to success.

It is said that when Gen. Garcia died he left his widow and daughter in poverty, and patriotic Cubans are now raising a fund for their benefit.

Mr. Jonathan Norcross, the man who built the first house in Atlanta, died about a week ago, aged 91 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Legal—Notice in bankruptcy.
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C. W. Yates—New Year presents.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Mrs. C. H. Bonham—Farm for sale.

WILL PLAY FAYETTEVILLE.

The Pick of the O. A. N. and A. C. L. Elevens Will Go to Fayetteville Monday.

Captains Sinclair and Hatch, respectively, of the O. A. N. and A. C. L. football elevens, request all the members of the two teams to meet on the vacant lot at the corner of Front and Castle streets, at 8 o'clock to-night, for the purpose of picking a team to go to Fayetteville Monday.

Arrangements are about perfected for the trip and there is little if any doubt that the game will be played. The principal feature of the agreement is that the Fayetteville team shall allow the Wilmington team $75 for expenses and the condition has been acceeded to. The Fayetteville team will have to do some bang-up playing if they interest the Wilmington eleven, as its members will be the pick of both the A. C. L. and O. A. N. teams which played here on last Monday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Henry E. Faison, of Clinton, was in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. R. T. Bennett, of Wadesboro, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. M. Cronly.

— Col. C. S. McCall, of Bennettsville, was a welcome visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Royal, of Clinton, N. C., is in the city, and made the STAR office a pleasant call last night.

— The STAR had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. Ben Hardy, travelling representative for the Raleigh *News and Observer*.

A Pleasant Party at Orton Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ellis, of Atlanta, and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Carter, of Baltimore, are the guests of Col. and Mrs. K. M. Murchison at Orton plantation. As has been previously reported, Miss Marie Murchison recently arrived from New York. Mrs. James Sprunt, of this city, is also spending several days there. They make a delightful company and are spending a merry Christmas in a quiet way at the splendid Orton lodge.

The New Bladen Street Pastor.

Rev. B. B. Culbreth, the new pastor of Bladen Street Methodist Church, arrived yesterday with his family, and is cozily installed in the parsonage, corner Bladen and Fifth streets. They were met at the depot by stewards of the church and driven to the parsonage, where the ladies of the church had a sumptuous luncheon ready to serve. Rev Mr. Culbreth will preach his initial sermon as pastor Sunday.

Gone to Glencoe Lodge.

Miss McIntyre, of New York, was in the city several hours yesterday en route to Glencoe Lodge, in Onslow county, where she will spend some time. She was accompanied by Miss Painter of Washington, D. C.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Many Important Matters Considered at Special Meetings Held Yesterday.

MR. C. H. WHITE ELECTED

Assistant to City Clerk and Treasurer. Large Per Cent. of Applications for Renewal of Whiskey Licenses Illegally Made.

Pursuant to the call of Mayor Waddell, the Board of Aldermen met in special session yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members present were Aldermen West, Hanby, Skelding, Taylor, Spencer, Montgomery, MacRae, Worth and Sprunt.

Mayor Waddell presided and stated that the object of the meeting was to definitely settle the matter of appointing or electing an assistant city clerk and treasurer, and also to receive applications for licenses for the sale of liquors.

The question as to whether or not the Board of Aldermen had the legal right to appoint an assistant for the city clerk and treasurer was introduced by Alderman MacRae who read the city attorney's opinion with regard to the matter, and also one from Junius Davis, Esq., touching the same matter. Alderman Taylor also read some legal opinions and a lively discussion of the matter was participated in by Aldermen Taylor, Skelding, Sprunt, MacRae and Worth.

The matter at length assumed a definite shape by a motion of Alderman Worth to go into the election of an assistant clerk and treasurer and tax collector. The motion was seconded by Alderman MacRae, and further discussion ensued, after which the motion prevailed in a vote of five to four.

Messrs. W. H. Northrop, Wm. A. Wilson, Wm. A. Williams and C. H. White were placed in nomination for the position by Aldermen Hanby, Spencer, Montgomery and Taylor, respectively, and on the third ballot Mr. C. H. White was elected.

Alderman MacRae then moved that the assistant be required to give bond to the city clerk and treasurer in the sum of from $10,000 to $20,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, etc. This matter was discussed by Aldermen Taylor and Sprunt, and a motion later prevailed that the amount of the bond should be fixed at $10,000.

The election of a second assistant clerk and treasurer was deferred until later.

Upon motion of Aldermen West the Board took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

Last Night's Session.

The Board re-assembled at 7:30 last night, pursuant to adjournment in the afternoon with all members present except Aldermen Worth and Ganzer.

The consideration of applications for renewal of retsil licenses was announced as principal business for the night session.

Alderman Taylor made a motion, which prevailed, that license for bar rooms located within three blocks of any house of ill fame should not be renewed.

Fifty-five applications were examined but only two of the number were recommended for renewal, as the others were not legally made out, in that they did not bear the endorsement of six free-holders residing in the precinct in which the business is to be conducted. Each one, however, had the requisite number of endorsements, but they were found to be in many instances from persons non-residents of the precinct in which the business is located. The licenses recommended for renewal were those of Messrs. Geo. T. Shephard and J. D. Doscher.

Alderman Taylor stated that it was evident that those who did not have their applications legally mand out, intended to comply with the law, but that it was simply a misunderstadding of the law on their part. With this in view, the Mayor, in compliance with the wish of the Board, stated that a meeting would be called to-day as early as possible, when applicants are expected to hand in their amended applications, which will then receive consideration. Clerk Struthers therefore requests that all applicants call at his office before noon to-day to receive their rejected applications and have them legally amended before the meeting of the Board to-day.

By the provisions of Alderman Taylor's motion relating to the location of the houses within three blocks of houses of ill repute, the following renewals were not granted; Klondyke Saloon; A. V. Horrell; E. P. H. Strunk; F. J. K. Fuchs; F. B. Brown: H. D. Oldenbuttle; J. E. Elder and H T. Duls.

Mayor Waddell read a statement to the Board, setting forth the necessity of having some system about the city scavenger work. It was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Alderman Sprunt, who with Mayor Waddell was appointed to confer with the County Commissioners with reference to an old quarantine bill, reported that the commissioners refused to entertain a proposition looking to a *pro rata* settlement.

The city's *pro rata* share of the bills of F. Rheinstein and the Sneed Co. for articles furnished the City Hospital was ordered paid.

The question of retaining Mr. Struthers in the city clerk and treasurer's office until after February 1st, at which time the city taxes will be practically collected, was deferred until the meeting to-day.

There being no further business for transaction, the Board then adjourned, subject to call of the Mayor.

ELABORATE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL LAST NIGHT.

By the First Baptist Sunday School. Tasteful Decorations — Interesting Programme—Candy, Etc.

Last night in the assembly room of the First Baptist Church the Sunday School gave an elaborate Christmas entertainment, during which there were many admirably rendered songs and recitations by younger members of the school and gifts in the way of candies and fruits were presented to the delighted children.

The apartment was prettily decorated, a conspicuous feature of the decorations being a well proportioned Christmas tree tastefully trimmed and laden with especial presents. There was a very large attendance. It was impossible for many to get even standing room.

The exercises were opened with a stirring rendition of "The Messiah" by the school. There was a fervent prayer by Dr. Blackwell, followed by another song by the whole school. It was "Wake The Song of Glory."

The school joined in responsive scripture reading and afterwards in the singing of "A Bright New Joy."

Little Miss Mary White recited in quite a taking manner "A Merry Christmas To You All."

The infant class sang quite sweetly "The Blessed Christmas Story." And little Willie Brown tendered the audience a cordial "Youthful Welcome." Little Nellie MacRae recited quite sweetly "The Loving Litle Girl," at the conclusion of which the school joined in singing "The Blessed Christmas Morning."

Quite an attractive feature of the programme was the appearance on the stage of twelve little boys and girls, each bearing a beautifully formed letter of the alphabet. They presented to the audience "On Earth Peace." The little folks were Arthur Struthers, Homa MacRae, Lela Keith, Adeline Keith, Leone Battle, Lucy McIntyre, Maggie MacRae, Lula Morrill, Arra Berry, Laura Wescott, Lucile Riley and Lina McDaniel.

Three bright little girls rendered a pretty exercise entitled "The Old Time Bells." They were Estella Sikes, Fannie Hewlett and Maggie Hurst. There was also an interesting dialogue in which seven boys were the participants. They were Calvin Blackwell, Jr., Perry Smith, Leland Whitney, Earl Webb, James Prempert, Davie Marshall and Lem King.

Little Edith Pritchett was most heartily received when she appeared and recited in an especially sweet manner "Searching for Santa Claus." She was attired in a dainty night robe, and carried a lighted candle.

Miss Ethel Holden readered "Jesus is Born To-day" as a solo, and Misses Sallie Alderman and Bessie Brady recited "The Two Mollies." There was another selection of music by the school, after which the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Blackwell, and the distribution of candy and other gifts to the children was in order. During the exercises earlier in the evening a collection was taken as a Christmas offering.

The committee in charge of the programme was Dr. Blackwell and Mrs. Carpenter Jones.

The special decorations were under the direction of Mrs. C. Oscar Byerly and her Sunday school class of young ladies. Mrs. L. H. Battle directed the music and served as organist.

It was a delightful entertainment and reflects great credit upon all who participated.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Grace Sunday School Tender Members a Regular Christmas Feast in City Hall Last Night.

The Christmas entertainment by Grace M. E. Sunday School, held in the City Hall last night, was very largely attended, was very much out of the ordinary and thoroughly enjoyable.

Instead of the usual programme of Christmas music and recitations, an abundance of ice cream, cake, candies and fruits was provided and every member of the school amply supplied.

Under the direction of Mrs. J. F. Garrell and Mrs. W. F. Corbett the hall was prettily decorated. "Welcome" in evergreen was suspended in the alcove back of the stage. There was a large pyramid piled with boxes of candy and fruits of all kinds in the centre of the stage. Twined tastefully all about the end of the hall were pretty evergreen trimmings.

The first feature of the evening was an address of welcome by Rev. A. P Tyer, to which Rev. B. D. Culbreth, the new pastor of Bladen street church, responded on the part of that school. Rev. Mr. Tyer invoked the blessings of God on the occasion and the audience old and young were thereafter served to cream, cake, candies, fruits, etc.

The committee on arrangements was as follows: Mr. J. H. Davis, superintendent; Mr. R. C. Merritt, assistant superintendent; Dr. W. C. Galloway, Mr. W. W. Hodges, Col. Roger Moore, Mr. J. D. Kirby, Mr. J. H. Berry, Mrs. Kate Shaw, Mrs. W. W. Hodges, Mrs. W. M. Hankins, Mrs. Roger Moore and Mrs. George Powell.

Fire at Residence of Junius Davis, Esq.

A telephone alarm of fire was received by the fire department this morning at 1.18 o'clock from the residence of Junius Davis, Esq., 312 South Third street. The fire was in the sitting room, and was occasioned, so the firemen report, by a defective flue. The damage was about $20.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Monday will be generally observed as the New Year's holiday.

— L. V. Grady, Esq., is confined to his room on Market street with chills and fever.

— License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Etta Sue to Mr. Frank Alford, both of this city.

— There were no cases on the Mayor's docket yesterday morning and consequently there were no cases disposed of.

— A number of the city prisoners are being employed in painting and otherwise improving the general appearance of the City Hall,

— Rev. R. F. Bumpass and family are now occupying the Methodist District Parsonage on Grace, between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

— A watch night service will be held at Grace M. E. Church tomorrow night, beginning at half-past eleven and closing at a few minutes past twelve o'clock.

— Mr. W. S. Wishart, formerly with Worth & Co., ice manufacturers, of this city, is reported quite ill in Lumberton. He has been confined to his room since September 17th.

— Licenses for marriage were issued to two colored couples by the Register of Deeds yesterday. They were Lula Williams to Jno. D. Graham, and Lizzie McDuffie to George Brown.

— The Sunday School of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas service this evening at 8 o'clock in the school building at Sixth and Princess streets. A Christmas tree will be a feature of the entertainment.

MANY HANDSOME AND RICHLY ATTIRED LADIES.

Graced L'Arioso German Club's Christmas Dance Last Night—A Dainty Souvenir Presented to Each.

L'Arioso German Club gave quite a brilliant german last night in Germania Hall. The event was graced by an especially large company of ladies and was especially distinguished for the unusual elegance and richness of many of the costumes they wore. They were truly a handsome and richly attired company of ladies. Space, however, will not admit of detailed reference to costumes.

The german was led by Mr. Warren Johnson and souvenirs were presented to each of the ladies in attendance. They were exquisite pearl crescent stick pins.

Those in attendance upon the german were:

Miss Helene Trenholm, of New York, with Mr. Fred Dick; Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy with Mr. Michael Schenck; Miss May O'Connor with Mr. Ed. H. Munson; Miss Maxie West with Mr. E. P. Willard; Miss Lillie Bellamy with Mr. A. P. Munson; Miss Hawkins, of Tarboro, with Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr.; Miss Rosa Bailey, of Winston, with Mr. A. P. Adrian; Miss Emma West with Mr. Neill Emerson; Miss Olive Armstrong with Mr. William J. Bellamy; Mr. Warren Johnson with Miss Hattie Bellamy; Miss Lola Martin with Mr. Charles Taylor; Miss Annie Lee with Mr. R. G. Rankin, Jr.; Miss Octavia Boatwright with Mr. J. Hill Bunting; Miss Lucile Boatwright with Mr. M. C. Elliott; Miss Lina Wiggins with Mr. H. M. Chase; Miss Rosa McPherson with Mr. Woodruff King, of Philadelphia; Miss Jennie Peck with Mr. Champ McD. Davis; Miss Mary Calder with Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Wright, of Portsmouth, with Dr. Kirby Collier; Miss Della Clark with Mr. Jas. Stevenson; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boatwright, Capt. and Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mr. and Mrs. Gouverneur. Lieutenant Harry McIlhenny was in attendance as a stag.

MR. W. A. FARRISS ASSIGNS.

Stock, Store Fixtures Etc., of Palace Bakery Conveyed to Herbert Mc. Clammy Esq., as Assignee,

The STAR announces with regret the assignment of Mr. W. A. Farriss, proprietor of the Palace Bakery, on Market street. The deed was filed in the Register of Deed's office yesterday about noon.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., is named as assignee and Mr. Farriss conveys to him the stock, store fixtures, accounts, etc., in the Market street Bakery, all the stock stored at No. 17 South Second street, the store room formerly occupied by Mr. Farriss as a salesroom. Also delivery wagons, horses and other personal property.

The homestead exemption of $500 is reserved. There are no preferred creditors; all are to share alike.

Mr. Farriss has been in very bad health the past two months or more, which has necessarily affected his business considerably. However, he thinks he would have had no trouble in stemming the tide had not certain small creditors used undue haste in efforts to force the payment of bills.

As yet no estimate has been made of the assets or liabilities. However, Mr. Farriss hopes to so adjust his affairs that he can resume business very soon in the present splendid establishment which he but recently fitted up, making it one of the most beautiful and complete establishments of the kind in the South.

The STAR trusts that his hopes may be realized and that he may "resume business at the old stand" shortly.

SALE OF C. F. & Y. V.

Bought by Mr. H. Walters for the Atlantic Coast Line System.

COMPETITION WAS STRONG.

From the Southern and S. A. L.—Road Brought $3,110,000—Rolling Stock Sold Separately—Bought by A. C. L. for $15,000.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., December 29.—In accordance with a decree of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Easterm District of North Carolina on the 31st day of March, 1897, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad was sold here to-day, together with all of the rights, titles, interest and property thereto belonging. "Secondly and separately from the aforementioned property," all rolling stock belonging to the Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, mortgaged to the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, was also sold. Mr. Eugene Martin, of Wilmington, Master Commissioner, conducted the sale.

Promptly at 12 o'clock noon the commissioner commenced the reading of the decree, describing and enumerating the property and prescribing the terms of the sale. The bidding was opened by a bid of $2,000,000, and increased every few minutes by $5,000 to $10,000, until three million dollars had been named; thereafter, $1,000 to $3,000 was the rate of increase until the final bid of three million, one hundred and ten thousand dollars closed the contest, and the first parcel named in the decree was knocked down to Mr. H. Walters, President of the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. Walters was a prompt and spirited bidder from the beginning, and his demeanor indicated a determination to buy the road. Among the bidders were representatives of the Philadelphia & Reading, the Southern, the Seaboard Air Line, and the Baltimore bondholders. Among the gentlemen representing the various interests were the following:

Messrs. Harry Walters, R. D. Cronly, Warren G. Elliott, President W. & W.; Junius Davis and George Rountree, attorneys A. C. L.; J. W. Norwood, President Atlantic National Bank; Herqert Borden, private secretary to President Walters; R. C. Hoffman, president, and E. St. John, vice president, Seaboard Air Line; John Gill, receiver; W. H. Blackford, chairman of Baltimore bond-holders; Samuel Spencer, president of Southern; Geo. M. Rose, attorney, representing the P. & R. Railroad Company.

The rolling stock of the C. F. & Y. V. was closed on the first bid, made by Mr. Harry Walters, at $15,000.

It has been impossible up to this hour (3.45) to get any intimation as to the future management of the road from any one connected with the Coast Line; all are reticent. The people of this city, however, believe that the future of Fayetteville is to be favorably affected. The relations between the Coast Line officials and the C. F. & Y. V. railroad officials have been of an exceedingly pleasant nature, and there has been a gradually increasing desire on the part of our citizens that if the road must pass out of the hands of those whose interests were more vitally connected with the old town, that it should go into the hands and under the management of the Coast Line.

We dreaded the prospect of a loss of the revenue to the town from the shops and the displacement of Fayetteville employes; but the prospect now is that this town being the most suitable site for the location of the shops on the line between Charleston and Weldon, the shops here may be enlarged and the work of both the Yadkin Valley and Coast Line will be concentrated here. It is true our city will suffer some disadvantage from the loss of railroad competition, but our river transportation facilities and the railroad commission may so adjust rates as to eliminate this question from serious consideration.

The effect upon the interests of Wilmington is a question which is more ehsily regulated and decided, or conjectured, by your own people.

Viewing the effect upon both cities, we are forced to the conclusion that we will suffer less than if the C. F. & Y. V. had been sold to either the Southern or Seaboard.

A system of general improvements will be inaugurated, and the C. F. & Y. V. in all of its equipments will be brought up to the high standard of excellence peculiar to the Atlantic Coast Line.

Summing up public sentiment, your correspondent would say that Fayetteville is pleased with the sale.

H. EYE.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 29.—The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad was sold at auction to-day in Fayetteville under foreclosure proceedings.

The road was bought by the Atlantic Coast Line for $3,110,000. The bidders were President Samuel Spencer for the Southern Railway, Mr. Wm. H. Blackford for the Baltimore bondholders or Seaboard Air Line, Mr. Harry Walters for the Atlantic Coast Line.

Master Commissioner E. S. Martin was auctioneer, and he started the bidding at noon. The first bid was $2,100,000, then it was raised by $50,000, $25,000, $10,000, $5,000 and then by $1,000 jumps, for an hour and a quarter, when the road was knocked down to the Coast Line.

Blackford retired at a bid of $3,103,000, and Spencer stopped at a bid of $3,109,000. The property was therefore knocked down to Walters at $3,110,000.

The outcome of the sale is a surprise, both as to the price paid and the successful competitor.

Officers Elected Last Night.

Wilmington Lodge No. 139, I. O. O. F., last night elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing term, to-wit:

S. P. G.—B. J. Jacobs.
N. G.—T. Gaston Evans.
V. G.—J. W. Monroe.
R. & F. S.—J. M. McGowan.
Treasurer—J. T. King.
General Relief Committee—J. J. Hopkins.

These, together with the appointive officers, will be installed on Thursday night of next week by H. E. Bonitz, Deputy District Grand Master.

UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC CLUB.

Seats Being Rapidly Reserved for the Entertainment To-night—The Double Bill Full of Fun.

At the Opera House to night the University Dramatic Club will render their two bright and laughable comedies, "Little Rebel" and "Evening Dress." As the STAR has repeatedly asserted, the occasion is one toward which the people of the city are looking with especially pleased anticipation. There will be several opera parties. In fact, society will attend well nigh en masse. And a brilliant success will in all probability be scored by the clever, talented and cultured young gentlemen who compose the University Dramatic Club.

The entertainment will be little if any more than two hours long, and will sparkle with fun.

The cast of characters is made up of the very best talent at the University, and the players have their parts down to perfection. Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., of Wilmington, is stage manager, and the stage settings of both are very pretty. The names of the young men composing this year's club were published in the STAR some days ago. They are: Mr. Geo. D. Vick, of Selma; Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., of Wilmington; Mr. Graham Woodard, of Wilson; Mr. Everett A. Lockett, of Winston; Mr. John R. Carr, of Durham; Mr. I. F. Harriss, of Chapel Hill, and M. O. D. Gruver, of Pennsylvania.

For about two months at Chapel Hill the boys have been at hard practicing to make this year's club even more of a success than before. They have presented their plays in a number of places and the press notices are very complimentary.

The club showed last night in Wilson and they were greeted with a large and fashionable audience who were much pleased with the presentation. The prices are 50 and 75 cents.

Tickets are on sale at Gerken's and seats are being rapidly reserved.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice December 29th, 1898.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Della, Fannie Barden, E A Burnett; Ada F Carter, Ray Clifton; Callie Dangerfield; Liza Everett; Lucinda Farmville; E B Gooden; Francis M Harriss; Julia Johnson, Maria Jaman; Martha Kimlor; Ida Lewis; Davis McNeal, Tillie McCoy. Lucy Martin, Luvenia Madison, Patrick Maran, Maggie Martin; Annie Gwin Stith, Carry Stockies, E W Short, Lethry Scott, Kate Stevenson, Wm Seguin; Aline Turkington, Richetta Taylor; Addie Wood, Davis Williams, Latha Walls.

MEN'S LIST.

G W Bryan, John Brown, Thos J Bacon, Willie H Brown; Concil Caldwell, H Coffer, J H Campbell, Lamie Carbt; B I Dand; J C Grimes, William Gastin; J A Hankins, Louis Hosler, Peter Hill, Steve Hemby, Walter Huntly; Jetta Kelly; C N Leoward; Rev C E Murray, J A Mann, Laurence McLangmy, Richard McTusin; F L Pullain (2), Rob T Partner, Sartori Prospero; H F Remington, Harry P Raymond, J D Bobbins, L L Robertson, Alram Robeson, Richard Rodgers, Stepen Rattley, W J Ranes, W B Robins; Geo V Strang Jr, Geo Suniley, L Sinnon, W P Straughan, Wm Savage; B D Tounsend; W Willson, C H Williams, Ed Williams, G H White, J C Watson, Josh Williams, S W Willson, W C Walker, James Wright.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Violet Dolphue, E W Kibler.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

WM. H. CHADBOURN,
Postmaster.

JUSTICE FOWLER'S COURT.

Small Colored Boy Tried for Larceny Under Peculiar Circumstances.

William Brown, a twelve-year old colored boy, was tried by Justice Fowler yesterday afternoon for the larceny of a desk, the property of Luther Williams, an industrious colored man, who works at the power house of the Street Railway Company.

The parties concerned live in an alley leading from Church street, between Sixth and Seventh, and the evidence showed that on Christmas eve the Brown boy, in company with his mother, went to Williams' house to bake a cake in his wife's stove. Williams' wife had occasion to leave the house for some reason and in a very few minutes fire was discovered on the premises and the Brown boy was seen by Rulf Herrmann, a small white boy, to jump over a fence with the desk and disappear.

Later, a number of insurance policies, which were in the desk, were returned to Williams by the Brown boy's mother.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defendant. He was sent to jail to await the decision of Justice Fowler, which has been reserved until to-day.

RALEIGH'S JAIL GUARDED

To Prevent Lynching of the Johnston County Murderer—Another of His Victims Died Yesterday.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, December 29.—Winfrey Cawthorne, the white boy who was cut by the negro Smith, when Smith murdered Charles Cawthorne in Johnston county, died yesterday. The jail here is guarded because of reports that lynching parties from Johnston are on their way here. An effort was made to have Smith put in the State penitentiary, for safety, but Mewborne refused to receive him.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS That Are Useful.

Johnson & Fore,

No. 111 Market street,

are showing a most beautiful line, including

Umbrellas,
Handkerchiefs,
Table Linens,
Silk Waist Patterns,
Dress Patterns,
Hosiery,
Gloves,
Stamped Linens and Embroideries.

STORE WILL BE OPEN TILL 10 P. M. DURING THIS WEEK.
de 18 tf

HIGHWAY MONOPOLY.

We have worked the Cigar business as we have done the Cured Hog Product, and have succeeded because the goods were notoriously superior to anything ever offered the retail trade before in quality, style, and equal to what was sold for ten cent—hence our success—not us but the goods were meritorious; so we are called "Monopoly." We do however, with pride say we will sell a half million of these Cigars this year and hope the consumer will demand

Cuban Blossom, Renown, Smokettes, Topical Twist.

The Best 5c Cigars Sold.

For Xmas we carry small boxes high grade Cigars and solicit inquiries from the trade—to whom we sell exclusively.

Vollers & Hashagen,
de 18 tf Wholesale only.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
Eastern District of North Carolina.
In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of E. L. McCormac, Bankrupt.

This is to give notice that E. L. McCormac, the above named Bankrupt, having heretofore been adjudged a Bankrupt under the provisions of the Act of Congress, July 1st, 1898, and having filed his petition for discharge from all his debts and liabilities,

IT IS ORDERED by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 9th day of January, 1899, before the Court at Raleigh, in said District, at the hour of 12 M., and that notice thereof be published in the MORNING STAR, a newspaper published in Wilmington, N. C., in order that all creditors may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why said petition for discharge should not be granted.

[SEAL.] Witness, the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Wilmington, in said District, on the 29th day of December, 1898.

I. B. FORTUNE, Clerk.
By W. H. SHAW, Deputy Clerk.
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OPERA HOUSE.

Friday Evening, Dec. 30, 1898.

Christmas Appearance of the

University Dramatic Club,

Presenting Two Well Known Plays,

"EVENING DRESS,"
"THE LITTLE REBEL."

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Rice Straw, Rice Straw.

50 Tons Rice Straw.
50 Bushels Seed Rye.
50 Bushels Seed Wheat.
500 Tons Ammoniated Guano.
500 Tons Acid.
500 Tons Kainit.

Also, Butter, Cheese, Corn Meal, Meat, Flour, Sugar, Coffee and other goods.

D. L. GORE,
de 25 tf 120, 122 and 124 N. Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

N. F. PARKER.

Furniture, Furniture Novelties
No. 17 S. Front St.

Tabourettes, Fancy Rockers, Mirror Tables, Ladies' Desks' AT COST till the New Year.

de 25 tf N. F. PARKER.

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de 18 tf

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ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve month, $80.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops Picnics, Society Meetings, Political meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

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Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three fourths of daily rate. Tri-a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30.

PREFERENCE FOR PAPER MONEY.

The following from the New York *Sun* showing the extent to which paper money is used in this country compared with other countries is interesting. Under the heading of "Our Stinted Use of Coin Money" it says:

"The preference, for daily use, of paper money to coin, is a distinctively American characteristic. Except in California and the other mining States of the extreme West, gold coin is scarcely seen passing from hand to hand among us; and of the 460,000,000 of silver dollars which have been issued from our mint since 1878, all remain locked up in the Treasury vaults but about 60,000,000, which circulate only in the Southern and Southwestern States. In England the smallest notes in use are of the denomination of £5, or $25; in France of 50 francs, or $10; and in Germany of 100 marks, $24; but we have an abundant supply of $2, and even $1 notes, and there is a continual demand for more. This, too, is in spite of the ragged, dirty, and otherwise repulsive state into which many of the notes have fallen, and of the possibility that they may be the vehicles for transmiting infectious diseases.

The persistence of this preference for paper money is the result of a habit established at a time when coin was scarce and which has never been evercome. Prior to 1834 gold coin was overvalued by our law, and consequently was driven out by silver. Owing to the poverty of the country, even silver was not in sufficient supply and had to be eked out with paper. The promoters of the Mint act of 1834, by which silver was in turn overvalued and driven out of circulation, expected that gold would become the currency of the country, and "hard money" was long the cry of the Democratic party. The supply of gold in turn proved not to be sufficient to meet the demand, and paper money maintained a hold which not even the outpour of gold from California in 1849 could loosen. At this moment, wit $270,000,000 of gold in the Treasury, and $169 000,000 in the New York banks alone, the metal is rarely used in daily transactions as ever it was. The small amount of it paid out for Christmas gifts and in directors' fees speedily finds its way back into the banks, and stays there. It is the same with silver. Instead of using the $400,000'000 in actual silver coin at our disposal, we leave it all in the Treasury, and employ only the paper certificates by which it is represented.

No change in our habits by which we shall give to gold and silver coin the place they occupy in Europe can be brought about by talk or even by legislation. As the habit itself was produced by the force of circumstances, so must it be modified or corrected. In the progress of our civilization and the developement of sanitary science we shall ultimately prefer clean and non-infectious coin to dirty and dangerous paper, and restrict the use of paper to notes which from their amount will be needed only in making large payments, and are, consequently, less exposed to wear and tear and contamination. The abolishment by law of notes for less than $10 would be a step forward, but such a law cannot be passed until public opinion demands it.

This is not an argument for or against coin money or for or against paper money, but a statement of fact, showing the preference of the American people for the latter. The reason for this is because paper money being lighter and less bulky is more convenient for every day use and therefore preferable. Gold can't be kept in circulation because when it is taken out of the vaults and put in circulation it soon disappears and goes in the hiding places of the hoarders or back into the vaults. But aside from that, it is unsuitable for general circulation because it is too valuable to be coined into denominations sufficiently small for ordinary use. The coins would be too small and too easily mistaken at night for coins of similar size of less precious metals.

But there is another reason why gold is not suitable for general circulation, which is because it is a speculative metal for which there is a world demand and when that demand in other, or some other country becomes such as to tempt speculation for the profit there might be in it gold coin would be bought and shipped, thus resulting in a sudden contraction of our circulating medium, if we were not already supplied with an ample substitute. As that is a reason why gold does not answer the purposes of general circulation it is also a reason why paper is preferable to gold for that purpose, for no matter what the demand for money may be abroad it does not affect the volume of our paper currency or raise or lower its value.

While the coined gold and silver here given by the *Sun* is not in actual circulation it is not lying useless in the vaults, for it is in circulation or may be when need be by silver and gold certificates, or by other form of paper money which may be convertible into coin, and therefore it answers the purpose quite as well and even better than if it was in actual circulation. That was one of the so-called arguments used against the free coinage of silver, namely, it wouldn't circulate, when it was in circulation all the time through its proper representatives. This argument was not used against the free coinage of gold, which didn't actually circulate any more than silver did, nor as much, and doesn't now. According to the latest reports of the United States Mint Director there are about $920,000,000 of gold in the country, more than there ever was before at one time, but how much of it is seen in circulation? You see ten dollars of silver to one of gold, and ten dollars of paper to one of either.

As the *Sun* says, nearly all the silver dollars in circulation are in the Southern and Southwestern States, where, it might have added, other money is scarce, and banking facilities are not sufficient to meet the demands, and when the people ask for better banking facilities, for more paper money to supply the demand, they are told that there is money enough in the country, and are pointed to the $25 *per capita*, which includes the gold in the vaults, and the bills of large denomination, which are simply kept as a convenience in large transactions and do not go into circulation at all.

As it is shown that paper money is not only good enough for all the purposes of trade, but actually preferred by the American people to coin, why not supply them or let them supply themselves with a sufficient volume, which they would do if permitted to have their own State banks of issue. This would not only prevent a money monopoly by some sections of the country but would result in a more equable distribution of the currency, let the people interested be the judges of the amount they need, let them supply that amount and thus take the money question out of politics, where it is annually fought over by sections whose interests conflict, the section well supplied or over supplied contending for contraction, the section poorly supplied contending for expansion or, as the opponents call it, "inflation."

The only "currency reform" thus far suggested by the representatives of the party in power has been to call in the $346,000,000 of greenbacks, for which no paper or other substitute is offered, thus contracting the volume of the currency to that extent, notwithstanding the fact that these greenbacks have answered all the purposes of money and are today as popular if not more so than any other form of currency we have. It isn't less but more paper money that is needed, even if it does become offensive to the dainty by too much handling, and may become a vehicle for the transmission of disease germs, but there is no necessity for letting them stay in circulation long enough to become filthy or dangerous, for the over-soiled notes could easily be exchanged for new notes.

STRUCK THE WRONG STRING.

We called attention yesterday to a resolution adopted by a meeting of Confederate veterans at Memphis, disapproving Senator Butler's proposition to grant pensions to ex-Confederate soldiers, which they pronounced "a violation of good taste and dignity." It strikes the Confederate veterans in New York as something more than "a violation of good taste and dignity" as will be seen by the following resolution adopted at a meeting held on the 28th inst, offered by Comrade Beasley of North Carolina:

"The camp condems in unmeasured terms the efforts of Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who is not a Confederate veteran, to debauch the manhood of the South by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States, and that any similar effort by any Southern member of Congress will be abhorrent to this camp and meet with its unqualified condemnatiou."

These veterans doubtlessly sized Butler up better than the Memphis vets did and understood the demagogic spirit that inspired Butler's action. He thought that would be good campaign stuff and a good card to play with the Confederate veterans, who he evidently thought didn't have sagacity enough to see through that game. Butler knew there was not the remotest possibility of putting such a measure through Congress, and he ought to know, too, that it would not meet with the approbation of the Southern people nor of the Southern veterans as whose friend he posed. If he wanted to or hoped to see such a measure adopted he would not have introduced it himself but have gotten some Northern Senator to introduce it.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

COMPLICATING THINGS.

The capture of Iloilo by the Philippine insurgents complicates the situation and adds to the embarrassments that existed in the settlement of that question. The Filipinos have possession of the town and of the island, both of which have been surrendered to them, and they will claim that both by natural right and by the right of conquest it is theirs, ignoring, as they will, of course, the bargain between the commissioners of this country and those of Spain. It is a question now whether the Filipinos will recognize this Government and yield to its authority by turning the town and island over to our troops or whether they will hold it in defiance and make it necessary to use force.

If they peaceably surrender they will to that extent be acknowledging the superior right of this Government, and will thus be voluntarily taking a subordinate position, which would be a practical renunciation of their claim of sovereignty and therefore if they surrender what they have won it will be to force or under protest.

But has there not been bungling here, and might not this state of affairs have been prevented? It has been known for some time that the insurgents intended to attack Iloilo. There have been several fights between them and the Spaniards, in which men on both sides were killed and wounded. Iloilo was in a state of siege and foreign residents were asking for protection. What was our Government doing all this time, that it didn't promptly dispatch troops enough to capture the place before the insurgents could do it, when all that was necessary was for the troops to put in an appearance when the Spanish government would gladly have surrendered to them? As we do not know exactly what the conditions were over there, of course we do not know about this, but judging from the cable dispatches for the past couple weeks or more, it seems to us that our Government dilly-dallied a good deal in that matter and blundered, and possibly got an unnecessary fight on its hands.

VERY PROPER RESOLUTIONS.

The Democratic State Committee, at its meeting in Raleigh, showed its appreciation of the good work of Chairman Simmons and Secretary Thompson by the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That we, the State Democratic Executive and Central Committee of North Carolina, hereby express our thanks to all the voters of this State, and especially former Republicans and Populists who voted with us in the last election for white supremacy and good government in North Carolina, and to Hon. F. M. Simmons for his superb and successful management of our recent political campaign on these issues, in accordance with the plans laid down by our State Democratic Convention on the 26th day of May, 1898.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the committee and of the Democratic party of North Carolina be extended to John W. Thompson, Esq., secretary of the Democratic State Executive Committee, for his able and efficient services rendered in the last campaign, and also to the efficient corps of clerks employed by him."

The Democracy and all white men who co-operated with the Democracy in the last campaign will heartily endorse these resolutions.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It is reported of two French duelists that one attacked with fury and the other defended himself with energy. Six rounds were fought, both combatants becoming thoroughly exhausted, but neither being seriously urt. The account reads strikingly like a description of an American prize-flght.—*Baltimore Herald, Ind.*

——Senator Gray, the only Democrat on the Peace Commission, seems to have reached the same opinion concerning that document that Mr. Bryan has been expressing, but to have reached it by an entirely independent course of reasoning. He, too, holds that the treaty "merely gives us control of the situation; we can do as we please" about retaining or releasing the Philippines, but thinks we should not keep them. This appears to be the line on which the Democratic party is forming its position.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— A few days ago American steel plates were landed at Glasgow in an American ship, and yesterday the government of the Australian province of Victoria ordered 35,000 tons of steel rails from a Pennsylvania company because the tender was $75,000 lower than the English one. This is the latest illustration of a great industrial change of the highest significance to this country. Our iron and steel industries have won the primacy by underselling their chief rivals in their own market.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, Rep.*

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cos a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. †

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Truth*: Oscar Grubb, a young man of Davidson county, while playing on a flat car at Spencer, Tuesday evening, was thrown off and killed instantly, breaking his leg and cutting a large hole in his stomach.

Chatham *Record*: Two weeks ago the *Record* announced that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Straughan had just celebrated the 65th anniversary of their marriage. One week ago we announced the death of Mrs. Straughan, and now we regret to announce the death of Mr. Straughan, who died last Tuesday.

— Raleigh *Times Visitor*: The revenue officers have since Saturday captured two illicit distilleries in Bladen county, one in Harnet and three in Orange. One in the latter county they got at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. It was in full blast, but the moonshiners who were manipulating it ran like rabbits.

— Rockingham *Rocket*: Robert Currie, a young man of Anson county, was knocked from the railroad by a passing train and fatally injured. The accident occurred between Rockingham and Midway factory on Tuesday morning. He was taken to the residence of J. W. Brigman and well cared for under the supervision of the railroad's excellent surgeon, Dr. J. M. Covington, but he lived only a few hours.

— Greensboro *Record*: Hon. D. F. Caldwell, who has been an invalid for some months, suffered another stroke of paralysis Tuesday and his condition is critical in the extreme. His tongue seems to be affected so that he can scarcely be understood when talking. Mr. Caldwell is over eighty, and has been severely afflicted for many months but he has great vitality and strong will power, so that he may rally from his present severe condition, though it is doubtful.

— Raleigh *Post*: A horrible accident occurred at High Point Wednesday about 1 o'clock. Miss Eleanor Stanback, a daughter of J. F. Stanbock, of Trinity, was knocked down and instantly killed by the Ashboro train as she was backing into the railroad yard in front of the Jarrell Hotel. Miss Stanback was walking up to the waiting room in company with two lady friends when a freight train came in sight. In order to avoid the freight she stepped on the Ashebore track just in time to be struck by a flat, Her head was crushed, causing instant death.

TWINKLINGS.

— "A Christmas tree is a good deal like a wife." "How's that?" "It's the trimmings that cost."

— Not Dividing: The Maid—"I'll be a sister to you." The Man—"Not much! I've just got enough collar buttons for myself."

— "And you say you ate horse steak in Paris? How was it served?" "A la cart, of course."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— The Sorehead—"You haven't got an ounce of common sense." The Saphead—"Doosid glad! Doosid glad! So beastly to be common!"

— His Grace—"That was a capital joke you told me last week. I was laughing over it yesterday." She—"So soon?"—*Life.*

— Mattie—"Why, what a beautiful ring you have, dear. What did it cost you?" Myra—"My liberty. It's my engagement ring."

— Hayrick—"My boy Josh is orful small fer his age." Hedgrow—"You allus wuz lucky. I hev ter pay full railroad fare fer Eben,"

— Gusher—"There's a house built on the Elizabethan style." Guyer—"Umph! I can understand now why that Queen remained single."

— "Bloggs is a tender-hearted man, isn't he?" "What's he been doing now?" "Why, he complained to the Humane Society because Sigsby left his thermometer out doors all night."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Progressive citizen of northern suburb—"I Want you to join our Evanston improvement association." Conservative citizen—"What is there in Evanston that needs improving, sir, I'd like to know?"—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "I want you to give me your candid opinion of my new book. My own opinion is that it is a good one," wrote a new author to an editor. To whom the editor replied: "Yes; it has a beautiful cover and lovely gilt edges."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

A French Newspaper In London, 1650.

In no history of British journalism or account of William Dugard do I find any mention of his publishing in London a weekly French newspaper entitled Nouvelles Ordinaires de Londres, yet this is surely the most singular incident in his checkered career. The National library at Paris possesses two quarto volumes of this newspaper, extending from July 11, 1650, to Jan. 14, 1658. These were presented to the Minim monastery, Place Royale, which in 1644, shortly after its foundation, had a library of 6,000 volumes, one of the best in Paris. By 1790, when it was dispersed, it had increased to 17,000 volumes. The two quartos were, with many other books, the gift of a Parisian named Descombes, of whom nothing is known. They found their way at the revolution into the library of the tribunate, a body which was abolished in 1807, and they then passed to the Imperial (now National) library.

Descombes was apparently a subscriber to Dugard's paper and had it bound in 200 numbers at a time. It would be interesting to know how a London newspaper then reached foreign subscribers, for it must be presumed that most of these subscribers were foreigners, though the paper was sold by Nicolas Bourne at the South Gate, Old Change; Francis Tyton, at the Three Daggers, near Temple Gate, and Mary Constable, at the Key, Westminster hall. Its four pages contain mostly English news, but there are short paragraphs of continental events.—Notes and Queries.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occationally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

ERRORS OF AUTHORS.

Some Bad Musical Breaks That Have Been Made by Writers.

In their allusions to the musical art our novelists commit the most amazing blunders with the most serene conscience, blunders of which any schoolgirl would be ashamed, and from which no more trouble than is necessary to turn over the leaves of a dictionary of music might have saved them. One novelist, for example, makes his hero a soprano. Another pictures a Scottish highlander sitting on the roadside singing a Jacobite song and accompanying himself on the bagpipe. Mr. Marion Crawford has ascribed "La Favorita" to Verdi, a feat paralleled by Mr. Black in setting a lady down to a piano to play Beethoven's "Farewell," a composition unknown to that musician's many admirers. Mr. Black has again distinguished himself by describing one of his heroines as playing an unheard of and impossible sonata of Mozart's in A sharp major. One of the early popes stigmatized the innocent scale of C major as lascivious and banished it from the music of the church. One can understand Mr. Black's key of A sharp major being placed on the index expurgatorius of the musician, for the ten sharps which would be required to make up its signature would frighten a Diabolus among piano players. Even Charles Reade, who really did know something about music, at any rate about old violins, was on dangerous ground when he ventured on details of musical technic.

In "Peg Woffington," for example, he makes the famous actress whistle a quick movement upon a huge paste ring and then tells how Mr. Cibber was confounded by "this sparkling adagio." No wonder Mr. Cibber was confounded. A quick movement which is at the same time an adagio is enough to confound anybody. Nor are Englishmen the only offenders. Victor Hugo in "Les Miserables" has three violins and a flute playing some of Haydn's quartets at a wedding. The combination is curious enough in all conscience, and certainly Haydn never wrote for any such quartet of instruments. Aristotle held that the moral effect of a flute is bad and exciting. What it might be when combined with three violins we can only guess.—Macmillan's Magazine.

IT HURT HER DIGNITY

The Elevator Man's Trick Offended the Falling Girl.

"You fellows have got your business down to quite an exact science," the eighth floor passenger remarked, observing that the elevator had been stopped with its floor on an exact level with the floor of the hallway.

"Yes," the elevator man assented; "a person gets so used to that sort of thing that he doesn't notice it much. A rather neat piece of work was done in that next shaft the other day," he continued. "Probably nobody except me would have paid any attention to it, but it struck me as a very good illustration of the skill that can be developed in this profession."

"Yes?"

"Yes. It was this way: The twenty-second floor door of this here shaft where the thing occurred had been left open and a stenographer girl gets absentminded and steps in. The car was then at the twelfth, coming up, and the elevator man sees the stenographer just as she starts. 'Here, this'll never do,' says he, and with that he reverses and starts his car down.

"The girl passes me at the seventeenth, and I throws everything open to keep alongside of her, and watch what happens. At the rate she was going I judged she'd hit the roof of the car under her with an awful bump, but she didn't. The elevator man kep' his eye on her and gauged the speed of his car so's to fall just a le-e-ttle bit slower than she did. She'd almost caught him at the seventh, and they was going like fun. If it hadn't been a pretty high building his calculations would have been upset of course. As it was, though, he had time to jolly her for a floor or two—kept just out of her reach, you know, so's to keep her guessing. When he sees he's getting pretty close to bottom, he pulls the lever over just the le-east bit, sir, and she lights on the roof of that car just as easy as if she was sitting down on an easy chair. He stops with his roof flush with the second floor, and the stenographer opens the door and steps out. She'd never speak to that man again, she vowed, because he'd joshed her that little bit on the way down. Funny how touchy these women are, ain't it?"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Noon as Nature's Dining Hour.

Persons who keep close watch on themselves are of the opinion that the hour of noon is the most critical period of life. At that time the human frame undergoes serious changes. The stomach has dispatched the morning meal and sends scouting parties in search of another. The eyes and brain are on the alert, and there is a sort of all goneness pervading the anatomy that sharpens the faculties and puts a new edge on the teeth. It is nature's dining time, and everything about the healthy man or woman is attuned to the demolition or enjoyment of what is called a "good square meal." Those who pay heed to the prompting of nature at this divine hour have their reward in good appetite, good temper and excellent digestion, which is conducive to all the good that flesh is heir to. But those who, following the imperious dictates of fashion, defer the hour of dining until all natural longings are dead and have to be resurrected by adventitious aids lay a train of evils and discomforts which sooner or later become the plague of their lives. It is a well known fact that the noon diners are healthier and stronger and have better chances for long life than others.—Chicago Chronicle.

His Interpretation.

The disagreeable person was stalking along the street with a companion who had long since given up trying to be genial and conversational. They passed a mutual acquaintance, a man who looked coldly at the disagreeable person, held his head in air and passed on without a sign of recognition.

"Don't you know who that is?"

"Yes," was the answer. "He is ordinarily a very audacious, loquacious and mendacious individual."

"I thought perhaps you did not see him."

"I looked straight at him, as he did at me."

"Then he snubbed you."

"Snubbed me, sir? Well, perhaps it might be spoken of in that way."

"I call it a downright insolent trick."

"Well, that goes to show how differently people will look at the same thing. When he passed me without stopping to speak, I was giving him credit for the greatest act of consideration, sir, that I had ever known him to show."—Detroit Free Press.

How to Save Yourself From Death.

Professor Drummond tells in his "Tropical Africa" that on one occasion four of his carriers ran away. There were three of the same tribe in the company, and, though the professor knew nothing of their dialect, he determined, being in danger of losing his life, to teach them a lesson.

Beginning with a few general remarks on the heathen, he briefly sketched the geology of Africa and then broke into an impassioned defense of the British constitution. The three tribesmen trembled like aspen leaves. He concluded his reprimand by solemnly enunciating the forty-seventh proposition of Euclid, and the result of the awful admonition was that the men became the most faithful that he had ever had.—London Answers.

Agreeableness.

The art of being agreeable frequently miscarries through the ambition which accompanies it. Wit, learning, wisdom—what can more effectually conduce to the profit and delight of society? Yet I am sensible that a man may be too invariably wise, learned or witty to be agreeable, and I take the reason of this to be that pleasure cannot be bestowed by the simple and unmixed exertion of any one faculty or accomplishment.—Cumberland.

Valuable Dog.

Some tribes of American Indians are said to be highly expert at feats of jugglery. Other tribes seem to be almost unacquainted with such tricks, if we are to credit a story said to have been told by a military officer at Fort Sill and reported by the Buffalo Express.

Professor McAllister, the magician, once visited a camp of River Crows on the Yellowstone, and after extracting various packs of cards and other articles from the ears, necks, noses and garments of the astonished Indians was invited to a big feast of roast dog and other delicacies.

Chief Two Belly was so impressed by the great medicine powers of the professor that he took him to his wigwam, introduced him to his daughter, Miss Wicista-Necta (meaning wildcat) and offered her to him for a wife at the low price of two ponies.

The feast and daughter were both declined, but as McAllister was leaving the tepee he spied a lean, yellow cur. He asked Chief Two Belly how much he would take for the dog, at the same time stroking the brute down the back and each time taking a handful of money from the end of his tail.

"Him very valuable dog," said McAllister, picking a coin out of the dog's eye and another out of his nose. "Two ponies for him, chief."

The Indians, with eyes as big as saucers, stood in awe and astonishment and shook their heads. After McAllister had gone they carried the poor dog down to the riverside and cut him open, but the goose had no golden egg, and they went slowly back to camp as completely dumfounded and as solemn as human beings can possibly be.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	7	@	7¼
Standard	7½	@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	13½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 10
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	20	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47
Virginia Meal	47	@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	75	@	80
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½	@	11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	16	@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	70
Car-load, in brgs—White		@	46
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	20	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay	50	@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ Keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 65
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 50	@	11 00
Rump	10 50	@	11 00
Prime		@	10 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	47½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5⅝	@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¾
White Extra C	5¾	@	5½
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	4 50
Inferior to ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 30, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

Cora M, 137 tons, Mitchell, Charleston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, 112 tons, Ranger, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Emma C Cottingham, Steelman, 478 tons, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Julia Elizabeth, Sweeting, 80 tons, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Sarah E Douglas, Higgs, 90 tons, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Atlantic (Br) 1,613 tons, Inwood, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Assyrian, 1,841 tons, Frank, Hamburg, A S Heide & Co.

BARQUES.

Poseidon, 541 tons, Peterson, A S Heide & Co.

Victor (Nor) 614 tons, Ostrik, A S Heide & Co.

BRIGS.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

BARGES.

Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Bonneau, Navassa Guano Co.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 42½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 42 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Nothiig doing.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for Hard, $2.30 for Dip, and $2.30 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine nominal; rosin firm at $1.15, $1.20; tar firm, $1 05; crude turpentine quiet, $1.40, $1.90, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	57
Rosin	705
Tar	218
Crude Turpentine	5

Receipts same day last year.—146 casks spirits turpentine, 430 bbls rosin, 235 bbls tar, 12 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜ cts per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	2 15-16	cts.	℔
Good Ordinary	4 5-16	"	"
Low Middling	4 15-16	"	"
Middling	5⅜	"	"
Good Middling	5 11-16	"	"

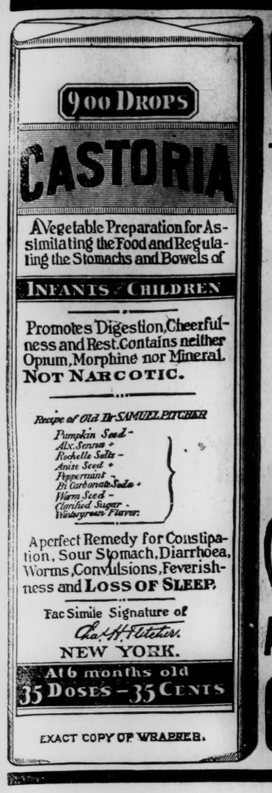
Same day last year middling 5 7-16c.

Receipts—248 bales; same day last year, 1,674.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 45 to 55c per bushel f 28 pounds; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Virginia—Extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c; Spanish, 70@80c.

CORN—Firm; 45 to 50 c



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A large and complete line of Gent's Half Hose, Collars and Cuffs, Brushes and Combs, Purses and Chatelain Bags. A lot of Ladies' Kid Gloves, perfect in every respect; original price was $1.00, now sold at 75 cents a pair.

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200 Boxes Tobacco.
100 Bags Coffee.
100 Boxes Dried Apples.

and full line of other goods at Bottom Prices

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What's the Use of Walking

when you can ride just as cheap? Now is the time to buy a bargain in a good horse. I have on hand a few nice Horses that must be sold out at your own figures, as I must make room for a large consignment of Horses and Mules that will arrive about the first of January. All stock guaranteed as represented.

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A CHINESE NEW YEAR'S.

How the Day Is Celebrated In the Chinese Quarter of San Francisco.

Chinatown of San Francisco was keeping holiday and all was gayety and bustle. The narrow, picturesque streets were decorated with brightly colored lanterns, while overhead above the roof tops the yellow dragon flags floated against a blue California sky.

It was a sunny day in February, and the streets were swarming with a multitude of Chinese—men, women and children—all arrayed in their richest holiday attire. The children especially, with their bright faces and black eyes, and in their pretty costumes, formed a most pleasing and interesting feature of this living, oriental picture.

Everybody seemed to be happy and good natured, and ever and anon, as a group of friends met, they stopped and amid much ceremonious bowing exchanged the compliments of the season, for this festive occasion was nothing more or less than the celebration of the Chinese New Year.

The idea of celebrating New Year's day in February may strike some of my readers as odd. But since this has been the Chinese custom from time immemorial and is older by several thousands of years than our acceptance of the 1st of January as the proper time the Chinese perhaps are not far wrong in supposing themselves to be at least as much in the right as ourselves. This question, however, was of no concern to this merry holiday throng. They were quite satisfied with the arrangement, and, with the utmost belief in their own superiority, they felt at heart an inborn contempt—common to all Chinese—for "outside barbarians." This term embraces all nations not living within the sacred boundaries of the Flowery Kingdom and includes the inhabitants of all the world, and these unfortunate outsiders are broadly divided into two classes—eastern and western barbarians.—Theodore Wores in St. Nicholas.

BUILDING A TOWN.

Showing the Difference Between Beginning the Right and Wrong Way.

About the year 1870 two suburban speculations were begun in the neighborhood of Chicago. One district was situated nine miles from the town, the other six. But both were on the same railway, and land in each was worth from $100 to $200 an acre. The mangers of one district laid out their plan in what was then the usual way. They made streets of prairie soil with neat open ditches on each side, and they left proper spaces for sidewalks, along which trees were planted. They hit upon a good name, issued lithographs and advertised—with no very profitable results.

The managers of the other district borrowed a large sum of money at a high rate of interest. With this they underlaid the land with several miles of drainage pipe, then built macadamized roads with paved gutters, iron gratings, concrete sidewalks and broad borders frequently spreading into little greens and commons planted picturesquely. All the natural wood and the banks of the stream which passed the place were made public property, and shelters, seats, bathing and boat houses were provided upon it. An artesian well was sunk, and with a steam pump water was sent to all parts of the property. Before these improvements were nearly complete the owners began selling land upon the roads at $20 the front foot, and soon afterward advanced the price to $30, and then gas was introduced. The price of land rose, even in the outskirts, in two years from $80 to $1,000 an acre.

In the 20 years of their existence it is evident that the first community has had to expend many times the amount wisely spent in the beginning by the other. These instances suffice to show, in a way that ought to appeal to the most conservative, the pecuniary importance of thorough preparation.—Mary C. Robbins in Atlantic.

Can England Be Invaded?

Is there any danger of England being invaded by a foreign foe? This question was recently put to General Wolseley. His reply was as follows:

"Not so long ago we were within measurable distance of a war with France. Such a war, believe me, would not be only naval. A country which has such a colossal army as France would certainly wish to use it. Invasion, attempted or accomplished, would have to be one of the military contingencies to be considered by us. Of course we rely upon our fleet for preventing a descent.

"The navy is our 'first line,' but there are some who think—I do not say I am one of them—that our navy is not so immeasurably superior to the French that we can always count upon meeting it strength for strength at the critical moment in the home seas.

"Command of the channel might be obtained by stratagem or after conflict, and a very short time—a couple of days—would suffice to effect a very secure lodgment on our shores. No, no; invasion is not impossible. Von Moltke thought that, although he said it would be easier to get into England than out of it again. I dare say we should give a good account of ourselves to invaders, but the shock, the temporary paralysis and collapse, would be very terrible, even if we triumphed in the end. But let us hope that invasion is very far off indeed."—London Letter.

Fracture In Steel.

The subject of microscopic fractures in steel engineering work has lately been discussed by the Sheffield Society of Engineers and Metallurgists. In a paper on the subject by Professor Andrews it was shown that an ordinary railway axle is composed of about 2,313,178,300 primary crystals, the latter being often again subdivided into still larger numbers of secondary crystals. This paper pointed out that many fractures in steel are due to the presence of innumerable internal microflaws in the metal caused by the presence of very minute quantities of sulphur and other impurities. Sulphur was declared to be the most dangerous element in producing these microflaws, owing to the formation, during the solidification of large masses of steel, of sulphide of iron, which, on the final crystallization of the metal, located itself between the ultimate crystals of the steel.—Philadelphia Press.

To Be Expected.

Mrs. Strate (severely)—Edward, I think that new typewriter of yours is very giddy.

Edward—But remember, my dear, she is compelled to work on the eighteenth story.—Philadelphia North American.

The glass paper weights containing flowers and other beautiful objects are molded, the substances within being placed in position before the glass is poured into the mold. The weight is then ground and polished.

San Francisco is 3,250 miles west of New York.

Compromising With Conscience.

He was a mean creature, and to his meanness was added such designing wickedness as is rarely shown by man. He went into a newspaper office the other morning and offered the following advertisement for publication:

"Notice.—If the plain looking woman, about 40 years of age, who lost a pocketbook containing £2 12s. 6d. in S—— street on Tuesday afternoon will apply to ——, she can have the money by paying for this advertisement."

The mean wretch had seen the lady drop the pocketbook and wished to retain the contents for himself. He was of opinion that no woman would answer the advertisement, as he had worded it, for so small a sum as £2 12s. 6d. He was correct.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Natural Inference.

"The most curious thing in the world"— began Bixley.

"Hush," hoarsely whispered the horrified Junkins, with a gesture toward the door, "she's in the next room."—London Tit-Bits.

Heroes in history seem to us poetic because they are there. But if we should tell the simple truth of some of our neighbors it would sound like poetry.—G. W. Curtis.

Officers in the British army and navy, who are all of the rank of gentlemen, take precedence according to rank in their profession.

The Desire to Leave a Name Behind Us.

We have an involuntary reverence for all witnesses of history, be they animate or inanimate, men, animals or stones. The desire to leave a work behind is in every man and man child, from the strong leader who plants his fame in a nation's glory and teaches unborn generations to know him to the boy who carves his initials upon his desk at school. Few women have it. Perhaps the wish to be remembered is what fills that one ounce or so of matter, by which modern statisticians assert that the average man's brain is heavier than the average woman's. The wish in ourselves makes us respect the satisfaction of it which the few obtain. Probably few men have not secretly longed to see their names set up for ages, like the "Paulus V Borghesins" over the middle of the portico of St. Peter's, high above the entrance to the most vast monument of human hands in existence. Modesty commands the respect of many, but it is open success that appeals to almost all mankind. But Pasquin laughed:

"The corner is Peter's, but the whole front Paul's.
What then?
Not being Peter's, the whole house is built for Paul."

—"St. Peter's," by Marion Crawford, in Century.

A Poisonous Orchid.

A comparatively common orchid, the Cypripedium spectabile, one of the oldest of cultivated species, has been discovered by Mr. D. E. MacDougal to possess decided poisonous properties. These properties are localized in the leaves and stems. They manifest themselves by a special cutaneous irritation in those who are so imprudent as to handle the orchid in question. This irritation recalls that which appears in persons who have handled rhus (poison ivy). The substance that causes the effects consists of an oily matter secreted by the glandular hairs. This matter is found, as in the Chinese primrose, deposited between the cellular wall and the cuticle of the terminal cellule of the hair. It is set free by the rupture of the cuticle. This poisonous substance seems to perform the function of protecting the reproductive portion of the plant, for the virulence of the poison and the quantity secreted increase as the plant develops and attain a maximum during the formation of the seeds.—Revue Scientifique.

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"And you mailed it, then?"

"Who, me? Why, of course."

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"My coat? No, thank you. I haven't time."

"You have plenty of time. Hand me the coat."

Unwillingly he removed the garment and reluctantly he handed it to her. There was a flash of triumph in her eyes. She ran her hand into his breast pocket and drew it forth—empty.

There was no letter there.

Then she tossed the coat back to him and turned on her heel.—Washington Star

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RESOURCES.

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Overdrafts secured by collateral	10,480 58	
Overdrafts unsecured	377 33	
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,500 00	
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	
Due from app'd reserve agts	$156,143 52	
Due from other Banks	$165,220 57	
Cash on hand	65,178 27—$26,542 16	
Total		$1,162,283 57

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$195,000 00
Surplus	70,000 00
Undivided profits	19,564 01
Circulation	40,950 00
Deposits, U. S. Treasurer	$ 50,000 00
" from banks	190,307 20
" Individuals	666,562 36—906,769 56
Total	$1,162,283 57

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 1, '97.	Dec. 1, '98.
Total Deposits	$678,000	$906,700
Surplus and Net Profits	76,100	89,500

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., leaves Weldon 11:50 A. M., Raleigh 3:40 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:56 P. M., Athens 8:43 A. M., and Atlanta 5:20 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Washington 4:40 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., leaves Weldon 11:26 P. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Sanford 3:53 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Rockingham 5:38 A. M., Wadesboro 6:53 A. M., Monroe 6:43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolton 10:35 A. M., Shelby 11:37 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:50 noon, Athens 1:13 P. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 7:30 P. M., Athens 11:19 P. M., Monroe 6:05 A. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:10 A. M., Monroe 5:55 A. M., Wadesboro 7:01 A. M., Hamlet 8:00 A. M., Raleigh 11:35 A. M., Weldon 2:45 P. M.; arrive Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

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Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7:40 A. M.

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Leave Fayetteville	12 20 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 28 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	3 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 12 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 41 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 13 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 35 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 59 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 53 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 09 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed	Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur		6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax		8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro		9 17 "
Leave Greensboro		9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale		11 07 "
Arrive Madison		11 55 "

SOUTH BOMND.	No. 15. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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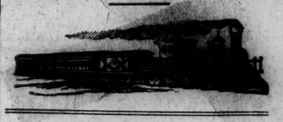

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11.34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.30 A. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.49 P. M., Warsaw 9.03 P. M., Goldsboro 10.00 P. M., Wilson 10.48 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M. Weldon 12.59 A. M., †Norfolk 10.05 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.28 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.28 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.18 P. M, Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6 34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York †9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4 30 A. M., Richmond 9 05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.31 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.35 P. M., Goldsboro 3.18 P. M., Warsaw 4 07 P. M., Magnolia 4.30 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12 09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern except Sunday 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M. Sunday 12.15 P. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 A. M Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.13 A. M.

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Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30.

WAR INQUIRY COMMISSION.

Investigation as to the Canned Meat Issued—Declared Unfit as An Article of Diet for Either Sick or Well.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The War Investigating Commission held only a short session to-day, devoted to executive business. There were no witnesses ready for examination. The Swift Packing Company of Chicago, which protested against the statements in General Miles' testimony as to the canned fresh roast beef furnished his expeditions, has notified the commission of its inability to be on hand on January 4th, as expected, and January 9th has been set as the date for the appearance of its representatives. So far no final action has been taken on the insistence of Commissary General Eagan that he be recalled to testify in answer to General Miles' charges and no decision has been reached as to recalling Generals Shafter or Miles.

The commission to-day made public a synopsis of the report of officers to General Miles on the results obtained from the use of canned fresh roast beef in the campaigns in Cuba and Porto Rico. These reports were submitted by General Miles, when he gave his testimony last week, and were presented in substantiation of his vigorous denunciation of the canned beef.

General Miles stated at the time that he had started an investigation of the matter of the canned beef supplies and the reports were submitted to follow his official inquiry along this line. The matter given out includes a statement from Major John D. Black, chief commissary sergeant, U. S. V., and commissary at headquarters of the army in the field during the Porto Rico expedition, dated Dec. 19, on the canned fresh roast beef received, issued and transferred by him. It shows the totals received from all sources were 12,604 one-pound cans, and 2,220 six pound cans. Total issued andtransferred follow: One pound cans issued, 844; one pound cans transferred 12,460; two pound canssissued, 42,168; two poundcans transferred, 2,520.

A synopsis of the reports, as furnished, follows:

Commanding officer Fourth infantry, Major Baker: "The beef seemed to be of inferior quality and was any thing but palatable. Quite a number of men could not and did not eat it."

Commanding officer Sixth infantry, Lieut. Col. Miner: "The meat was utterly unfit as an article of diet for either sick or well. It had no nutriment in it and turned the stomachs of the men who tried to eat it."

Commanding officer of the Ninth infantry, Col. Powell: "The meat produced disordered stomachs; is not nutritious; soon became putrid and in many cases was found in course of putrification when opened."

Commanding officer Twelfth infantry, Major Humphreys: "The meat presented such a repulsive appearance that men turned from it in disgust. 'Nasty' is the only term that will fitly describe its appearance. Its use produced diarrhœa and dysentery."

Commanding officer Thirteenth infantry, Col A. T. Smith: "Many complaints were made concerning the meat. It was found very unpalatable, and is unfit for issue to troops."

Commanding officer Seventeenth infantry, Colonel O'Brien; "The nutritious juices having been cooked out of the meat, it was neither nourishing nor palatable. It was often nauseating and unfit for use. It should no longer be issued."

Commanding officer Second battalion, Twenty-first infantry, Capt. J. W. Duncan: "The meat soon spoiled after opening the can; the men soon tired of it, and it is not a proper food."

Commanding officer Twenty-second infantry, Major Van Horne: "The meat issued was nothing more than refuse after various kinds of soup had been extracted from it. Further issues of it should not be made."

NEGRO PREACHERS.

Inflammatory Talk at the Afro-American Council in Washington City.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star)

WASHINGTON, December 29.—The first annual meeting of the Afro-American Council opened in this city to-day. Bishop Alexander Walters, of New Jersey, presided. The council grew out of the meeting of prominent colored men at Rochester, September 15, and was called in the interest of the amelioration of the condition of the Afro-American race. Rev. I. L. Thomas delivered the address of welcome to which Rev. J. M. Henderson, New York, responded. Bishop Walters delivered a lengthy address in which he reviewed the condition of the negroes from the time of the revolution to to-day. The South, he said, must treat the negro as it would have the negro treat the South. The South could no longer shield its barbarity to the negro with the excuse of protecting its women. Bishop Walters could not understand the motives of those members of the race who counsel inaction. With the President silent in his message upon the riots at Wilmington, the time had come for the colored men to act; to act with firmness, calmness and after due deliberation. Every reference to the need of reforms in the South brought forth thunderous applause and expressions of approval.

BANK DIRECTORS JAILED.

Charged by Depositors With Violation of the Banking Law of Kansas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FORT SCOTT, KAS., Dec. 29—The entire board of directors of the Moran, Kas., bank, which failed last January, according to papers filed in the Appellate Court here to-day, have been in the Allen County jail far nearly a week, charged by depositors with having violated the new banking law of 1897, making specifications for the government of banks in Kansas City. The defendants are Joshua Rumble, who at the time the bank failed, was regarded as being very wealthy; W. A. Ross, J. H. Ross, Wm. Parke and Cashier E. A. Brown. They appeared by counsel before Judge Schoonover, of the Appellate Court, at his home in Garnett, to day, and presented a petition for release on a writ of *habeas corpus*. Judge Schoonover soon after issued an order through the court in this city, releasing them on $200 bond each until Jrnuary 14th, when the case will be heard.

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War Department Awaiting Advices From Gen. Otis—Have No Fears as to Outcome—Gen. Merritt Believes the Surrender Intentional.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, December 29.—Details regarding the occupation of Iloilo by the insurgents have just been received here. The American expedition, commanded by Brigadier General Miller, arrived there yesterday and found that the Spaniards had evacuated the place on Saturday, on board the steamer Churnca, and had been transferred to the island of Mindanao, in accordance with an agreement arrived at with the insurgents. The latter entered Iloilo and occupied the trenches on Monday at noon. They immediately established a municipal government and placed guards over foreign property. The insurgents were fairly quiet and orderly, although there was some looting at night, but the shooting of five of the natives had an exemplary effect upon the rest.

The only foreign warship in the harbor was the German second-class cruiser Irene.

New Filipino Cabinet.

The new Filipino cabinet is composed as follows: President of the cabinet and minister of foreign affairs, Senor Mabani; minister of war, Senor Luna; minister of the interior, Senor Aranota; minister of agriculture and commerce, Senor Buonoamino; minister of public works, Senor Canon; state deeds, Senor Rosario.

LONDON, December 29.—From a Filipino source, a representative of the Associated Press is informed that the Filipino cabinet is much stronger from the insurgent point of view than the last, inasmuch as all the new ministers are pledged to insist upon the independence of the islands and to refuse to liberate the Spanish prisoners "while thousands of Filipinos are dying in the Spanish convict settlements of Fernando Po, the Ladrones and the Caroline Islands."

Washington Without Advices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The War Department is expecting definite word from General Otis within the next twenty-four hours as to what has occurred at Iloilo, for by that time General Otis will have heard from General Miller, in command of the American force sent on this expedition. The officials about the War Department do not appear to be apprehensive over the results, and there is no evidence of tension or alarm, although it is recognized that the situation at Iloilo is one which may bring about a sharp and possibly a decisive issue between the insurgents and the United States.

Up to the close of office hours today it was said at the War Department that nothing had been received from General Otis bearing on the military situation. All that came was a response to an earlier dispatch conveying orders, the reply giving assurance that definite news could be conveyed within the next twenty-four hours. What General Miller will do as to taking possession of the city, either with force or without, is not officially disclosed, and indeed it is likely that considerable discretion is lodged with the commanding officer as to what steps should be taken. But in the event of a clash of arms between the United States forces and the insurgents, War Department officials say there could be no doubt as to the outcome, as the Eighteenth infantry, who are among the regulars, have a reputation for their fighting ability. The American force numbers about 2,500 against an estimated force of some 10,000 insurgents, but no doubt is expressed as to the adequacy of our force.

Gen. Merritt's Views.

CHICAGO, December 29.—Major General Wesley Merritt, who is spending the holidays in this city, was very much surprised to hear of the surrender of Iloilo by General Rios to the insurgents. General Merritt believes the surrender may have been an intentional move on the part of the Spaniards to make it difficult for the United States to gain control of the Philippine Islands. "It is, of course, impossible" continued General Merritt, "to predict what bearing this move will have on the ultimate disposition of the islands. General Rios had no right to surrender to the insurgents, unless, indeed, his command was on the verge of starvation or in some equally tight place. When Manila fell, all the islands in the archipelago went with it, and though the surrender of them made on paper might not have amounted to much and might have been terminated should the Spanish have felt themselves sufficiently strong, yet the signing of the protocol some six days later prevented any further movements, either on the part of the Americans to gain further control of the islands or on the part of the Spanish to attempt to wrest any of the surrendered territory from their victors. Consequently Rios' only move should have been to turn over Iloilo to the United States troops.

"The idea of the insurgents is that the more territory they can assert that they hold, the better their claim to the right of independence when the time comes for them to treat with the United States regarding the mode of government."

Gen. Lawton Ordered to Manila.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The War Department has issued orders assigning Major General Lawton to service in the Philippines. The assignment is considered one of exceptional importance, as General Lawton, who was one of the most conspicuous officers in the campaign about Santiago will be second in command to General Otis, in the event of General Otis's appointment as governor general of the Philippines. His new duties will require a combination of nerve and tact. General Lawton has recently been in command of the camp at Huntsville. General Frank as ranking officer will assume command on the departure of General Lawton. The latter's selection for duty in the Philippines was owing largely to the character of his service during the war and later at Havana.

More than a score of sites for the new Federal prison have been placed before the special commission of the city council of Atlanta, Ga., for its consideration.

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PEACE PETITIONS PRESENTED

Requesting Influence of the U. S. Government in Favor of Disarmament and Arbitration in Place of War.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—A delegation presented to the President today two petitions, one from the great majority of the organized Protestant Christian churches of the world, and the other from the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance.

The first petition was signed by the representatives of one hundred and forty-five national denominational churches, existing in all the continents, viz: The Church of England, the Church of Scotland, twenty-one other churches in Great Britain and Ireland, the General of the Salvation Army, two churches in Belgium, two in Switzerland, six in Holland, twelve in Australis, twenty-eight in the United States and sixty-four in other parts of the world. Congregationalists, Baptists. Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians unite in their approval of the petition. It asks for the reduction of the heavy armament maintained by Christian nations, "ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their disputation by bloodshed," and also requests the influence of the government of the United States in favor of international arbitration as a substitute for war.

The second petition is from the Pan Presbyterian Alliance, which also united in the first petition and which includes eighty national and denominational churches throughout the world. This second petition asks for "a permanent and peaceful methods for the settlement of all controversies arising between the people of the British empire and the republic of the United States of America.

The delegation in presenting the petitions emphasized the fact that both originated in the United States, the first for universal disarmament, in the year 1890, with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church South. The delegation stated that they were not to be regarded as "The advocates of a policy of peace at any price" or with maintaining the opinion that all war is sinful. They quote the Westminister Confession to the effect that "civil magistrates may rightfully now, under the New Testament, wage war upon just and necessary occasions." The President was congratulated on the results of the rightful war recently waged by the American people in the cause of justice and humanity; and the Divine blessing was invoked upon him as the man ordained of God in a great crisis in human history to be the leader of this people, and also to be instrumental through both war and peace for the inbringing of Christ's universal kingdom. The signers of these petitions represent more than eighty millions of Christians in all parts of the world, twenty-five millions of whom are Presbyterians.

The President responded cordially to the delegation, saying that he favored arbitration as between Great Britain and America. He also said that he had responded promptly to the Czar's proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances the armaments of the United States could not be lessened now, but would in any event be less than would satisfy European nations.

ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA.

A Georgia Merchant Who is Alleged to Have Absconding With Over Forty Thousand Dollars.

ATLANTA, GA., December 29.—The *Constitution* will say to-morrow: S. LaFayette Almand, a Georgia merchant, who is charged with absconding with some $40,000 or $50,000, was arrested in Tulare. Cal., last Sunday morning, and Monday night city detective Hewitt started for California after the absconder.

Almand was a merchant in this State with headquarters at Conyers and did a large business. He had the confidence of the business men of the State and almost unlimited credit. He appeared to be flourishing when three weeks ago he suddenly disappeared and when those who had trusted him examined his affairs they claimed he had carried with him several thousand dollars which he ought to have turned over to them. Just how many were victimized cannot be said, as all decided to keep quiet and try to catch Almand. Nor can the exact amount of the money alleged to have been taken be named, as even the victims do not know, but it is estimated that the amount will be between $40,000 and $50,000.

Almand is a young man, not more than thirty years of age and is well connected throughout the State. He is married and his family has been residing in Convers.

AFFAIRS IN HAVANA.

Spanish Troops Leaving—No Demonstration by Cubans to Be Allowed in the City the First Week of January.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—About 1,600 Spanish troops left Havana from the vicinity of the Palace, the Arsenal, Morro Castle and Cabanas fortress for Guanajay yesterday.

The American flag was raised yesterday over the municipal building at Mariel, in the presence of a number of notable people and the people of the town.

No processions or open air assemblages of bands of Cuban soldiers will be allowed in Havana during the first week in January. The plans of the patriotic committees for a dinner to the soldiers in the Prado, a civic parade and five days of public demonstration, will not be permitted. No Cuban soldiers, except as individuals, can enter Havana. Should Gen. Gomez and an armed following, large or small, attempt to reach this city they will be turned back.

Gen. John R. Brooke, the Governor General of Cuba, is decided that no outrages upon the retiring or remaining Spaniards will be allowed to occur, and no Spanish houses will be sacked if the Americans can prevent it. This purpose Gen. Brooke has communicated to the prominent Cubans in Havana.

THIRD NORTH CAROLINA.

Probability That the Negro Regiment Will Be Retained in Service.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29.—Representative White, of North Carolina, to-day requested President McKinley to continue the Third North Carolina in service. The regiment is said to be the only one in the service officered entirely by colored men. The President saw the regiment at Macon, Ga., when he was there, and was favorably impressed with its appearance. The President indicated to White that he would retain the regiment in service.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL PROJECT.

Preliminary Report of the Commission Upon The Proper Route and Cost.

ESTIMATED COST $123,000,000.

The Lull Route More Desirable Than the Maritime Canal Company's Route. Construction Entirely Feasible. The Work Accomplished.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The full text of the preliminary report of the Nicaraguan Canal Commission was to-day made public. It is as follows:

To the Honorable, the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

SIR—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., inclosing a copy of a resolution of the Senate of the 15th of December, requesting a report of the progress made by this commission in investigating the question of the proper route, the feasibility and cost of construction of the Nicaragua Canal.

This commission has understood the law, by which it was constituted, approved June 4, 1897, to require that all routes heretofore proposed having any merit are to be considered, new routes that appear to have merit are to be developed and the entire region of canal possibilities to be examined with sufficient thoroughness to enable a just and comprehensive comparison of the various routes to be made and the most desirable one selected. In short, to enable this commission to make a complete and exhaustive report:

With this in view, the commission visited Nicaragua, personally examined the entire canal region from ocean to ocean, and employed some seventy engineers with their laborers and helpers for ten months, in making careful surveys and examinations of the canal region. Some metorological and hydrological observers are still continued in Nicaragua, with a view to obtain a full year of observations of that nature.

The required field work has been obtained. The reduction of this field work, together with the compilation and comparison of former surveys going back nearly fifty years, has been in progress for more thon two months.

Construction Entirely Feasible.

The commission believes that the construction of a canal across Nicaragua is entirely feasible. The estimates for two of the most characteristic routes have been nearly completed. These routes are known as the Maritime Canal Company's route and the Lull route. Their estimated cost, approximately, is $124,000,000 and $123,000,000, respectively. The assumed dimensions are considerably greater than ever before proposed, both in length of locks and in width, depth and radius of curvature of canal. These increased dimensions have been made necessary by the demands of modern commerce, size and draft of modern ships, etc. This has necessarily made a corresponding increase in the estimated cost and is in no way consistent with the estimates made from former surveys which contemplated a much smaller and cheaper canal.

A canal of smaller dimensions, just sufficient for the present trade, is being estimated for. Such a canal would cost considerable less than the estimate for a canal suitable for modern necessities, which is referred to above.

The Lull Route Best.

It is the opinion of this commission that of the two routes herewith estimated for, that called the Lull is the more desirable, because it is easier of construction, presents no problems not well within good engineering precedents, and will be a safer and more reliable canal when completed. It also believes that the dimensions and form of construction preferred by the commission are better than the cheaper form with smaller dimensions, which would undoubtedly call for expensive improvements within a short time after its completion.

Both the routes referred to above admit of variance, which may reduce the cost. These are being considered by the commission.

The work necessary for an exhaustive discussion of and report upon the entire canal problem is being pushed as rapidly as its great magnitude permits and when completed the report will be submitted without delay.

We are sir, with great respect,

Your obedient servants,

J. E. WALKER.

Rear Admiral U. S. N., President of the commission.

LEWIS N. HAUPT.

Civil Engineer, member.

I concur with the other members of the commission in respect to the progress of the work and the feasibility of the canal, but I think in view of the increased size of the canal estimated and the difficulties incident to work in tropical countries, that the estimate is lower than it should be by about twenty per cent.

PETER C. HAINES,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, member.

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EXCITEMENT IN HAVANA.

Cubans Incensed at Being Denied Participation in Evacuation Celebrations—Situation Serious.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 29.—A special cable to the *Tribune* from Havana says:

Startling rumors are flying about to-night and are given credence by excited crowds thronging the streets. It was reported early this evening that Gen. Mariano Menocal and his Cuban forces at La Paya had been asked to take the oath of allegiance to the United States and had refused.

The news that Cuban soldiers had refused to take the oath of allegiance was cheered by the crowd, and mounted insurgents scattered through the town, telling the people in the streets that General Menocal had withdrawn his troops from La Paya and taken to the field.

The situation grows out of the refusal of Gen. Brooke to permit the participation of Cuban troops in the exercises on evacuation day. The feeling in Havana to-night is intense.

The United States flag was torn down from many houses in the lower districts to-day.

The more excitable population of Havana's lower class are beginning to hoot the American soldiers. The higher class of Cubans are bitterly chagrined and disappointed at the turn affairs have taken. They hardly know what to say or do. Their plans were to have 1,000 picked men, the flower of the insurgent army, march into Havana January 1st.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Money Package Containing $60,000 and an Express Company's Clerk at San Antonio Both Missing.

(By Telegraph to The Morning Star.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., December 29.—The local office of the Wells Fargo Express Company is out a money package containing $60,000. The money was sent here from Houston, for the Southern Pacific to meet its pay roll west from this city to El Paso. It arrived Wednesday morning and was given to C. A. Beeler, the Wells Fargo money delivery clerk to hand over. Beeler started for the depot and was seen en route. Four hours after his departure his wagon was found five miles west of the city in a thicket, the horse, almost dead from the effects of hard driving. Inquiry developed the fact that no delivery had been made. There was no evidence of a struggle in the vicinity where the vehicle was found. Beeler has been in the employ of the company for nine years and enjoyed the confidence of all. He spent several years on the frontier as a cowboy. His friends stoutly assert that he is the victim of foul play and his wife also inclines to this belief. Superintendent Tafft of the Express Company, is here investigating. He admits that the loss will reach the sum stated, while rumor nearly doubles the amount.

REMAINS A MYSTERY.

No Development in the Adams-Cornish Poisoning Case in New York City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The Adams-Cornish poisoning case remains as great a mystery as ever. When the detective bureau, the district attorney's office, the coroner's office and others seeking to find a solution of the strange case ended their labors for the day, all said nothing had been learned that might assist in bringing the guilty persons to justice.

The police are inclined to believe that the person who sent the poison to Cornish is a woman, although the evidence is of the most flimsy character and is largely based on opinions of more or less irresponsible parties. Mr. Cornish who was also poisoned at the time of Mrs. Adam's death, is now completely out of danger, though confined to bed at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club.

WARM WIRELETS.

Representative Dalzell, accompanied by a delegation of colored men from Western Pennsylvania, called on the President to present a memorial against the race riots and the lynching of colored men in the South.

The official canvass of the vote cast for Governor at the election in New York last month gives Theodore Roosevelt, Republican, a plurality of 17,786 over Augustus Van Wyck, Democrat.

The New York dry goods market showed little material change yesterday. The general demand for staple cotton goods was of moderate proportions and in most lines of prints and ginghams the demand has been light. The tone continues strong

A disquieting situation is developing at Johannesburg, South Africa. The place is seething with discontent, as on the eve of the Jameson raid, in consequence of recent and proposed government measures which the Uitlanders regard as being a fresh series of impositions.

A CARD.

The undersigned will be a candidate for nomination by the Democratic caucus for Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives in the coming session of North Carolina General Assembly. Respectfully,

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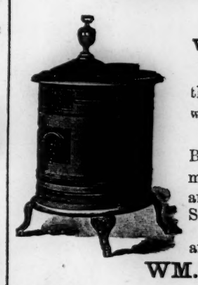

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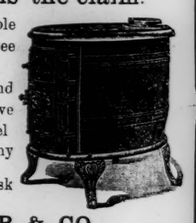

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